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Field Crops

Opening of bolls has occurred on 48 percent of the cotton acreage, below last year's 58 percent, and behind the five-year average of 53 percent. Harvesting is underway at 5 percent complete, slightly behind last year at 6 percent, but ahead of the five-year average of 2 percent. Cotton conditions are mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly good. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	0	7	26	62	5
Cotton	0	1	17	50	32
Range and Pasture	61	19	12	5	3

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	48	43	58	53
• Harvesting	5	-	6	2

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending August 30, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at Parker to 9 degrees above normal at Aguila. The highest temperature of the week was 117 degrees at Yuma and the lowest reading of 39 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was

reported at 9 of the 22 stations. Flagstaff received the most at .38 inches of precipitation. Grand Canyon and Winslow received the least with 0.01 inches. Willcox is the only reporting station with above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
August 24, 2009 - August 30, 2009

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	87	9	109	64	0.00	3.55	-2.97	54
Buckeye	91	2	112	71	0.00	2.13	-2.33	48
Canyon De Chelly	72	1	93	51	0.00	3.58	-2.44	59
Coolidge	86	2	112	62	0.00	2.53	-2.36	52
Douglas	79	4	97	61	0.27	4.51	-4.34	51
Flagstaff	63	2	85	44	0.38	7.20	-7.53	49
Grand Canyon	63	6	90	39	0.01	6.93	-6.76	51
Kingman	82	3	107	59	0.14	3.17	-3.35	49
Marana	90	7	109	73	0.00	3.74	-3.68	50
Maricopa	91	5	111	71	0.00	2.97	-1.54	66
Paloma	92	3	115	71	0.00	1.50	-2.91	34
Parker	86	-4	110	65	0.00	1.03	-1.69	38
Payson	74	3	95	53	0.00	8.80	-5.23	63
Phoenix	96	7	113	82	0.00	2.63	-1.83	59
Prescott	74	7	98	54	0.33	5.48	-7.77	41
Roll	90	-1	114	69	0.00	0.70	-1.16	38
Safford	81	3	99	62	0.06	3.34	-2.41	58
St. Johns	73	3	92	53	0.07	2.54	-4.90	34
Tucson	88	5	106	72	0.00	4.68	-2.79	63
Willcox	80	6	101	59	0.20	8.40	0.08	101
Winslow	73	-1	97	51	0.01	1.79	-3.16	36
Yuma	96	6	117	81	0.00	0.76	-1.10	41

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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